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Independent special institutions with Secretary of State approval

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Approved independent special institutions


1.

[Section 41 of the Children and Families Act 2014](#) allows the Secretary of State for Education to publish a list of approved:

- independent special schools
- special post-16 institutions


The approved institutions included in this list can be named in a child’s or young person’s [education, health and care plan](#).












Please note that the Secretary of State’s approval only applies to the institution we have explicitly named on this list. Approval doesn’t extend to other schools or institutions referenced in the approved institutions’ websites.

Read the [Children and Families Act 2014](#)  to find out about the legal duties of these approved institutions.

2.

Special post-16 institutions


Edubase reference	Host local authority	Host local authority	Legal name (2)	Approved
n/a	Kirby	Activate	Activate Arts Limited	Aug 15
302/7905	Barnet	Ambitious College	Ambitious About Autism	Sept 14
343/8220	Sefton	Arden College	 Speciality Care (Rest Homes) Ltd	Sept 14
309/7904	Haringey	Area 51 Education Ltd	Area 51 Education Ltd	Sept 14

352/8605	Manchester	Bridge College	Together Trust	Sept 14
888/7905	Lancashire	Beaumont College	Scope	Sept 14
n/a	Wales	Beechwood College	Beechwood Court Limited	Aug 15
330/7905	Birmingham	Calthorpe Vocational Trust	Calthorpe Vocational Trust	Dec 14
837/7906	Bournemouth	Cambian Wing College	Cambian Asperger Syndrome Services Limited	April 15
669/7904	Wales	Coleg Elidyr	Coleg Elidyr Camphill Communities	Sept 14
371/7904	Doncaster	Communication Specialist College-Doncaster 	Doncaster Deaf Trust	Sept 14
893/7904	Shropshire	Condover College Ltd 	Condover College Limited	Sept 14
895/7904	Cheshire East	David Lewis C 	The David Lewis Centre	Sept 14
893/7906	Shropshire	Derwen College 	Derwen College	Sept 14
929/7904	Northumberland	Dilston College 	Cambian Whinfell School Limited	Sept 14
886/7905	Kent	Dorton College of Further Education 	The Royal London Society for Blind People	Sept 14
202/7904	Camden	Elfrida Rathbone Camden - Leighton Education Project 	Elfrida Rathbone (Camden)	Sept 14
394/7904	Sunderland	ESPA College 	Education and Services for People with Autism Limited	Sept 14
878/7906	Devon	Exeter Royal Academy for Deaf Education (College)   	Exeter Royal Academy for Deaf Education	Sept 14



865/7904	Wiltshire	Fairfield Farm College	Fairfield Opportunity Farm (Dilton) Limited	Sept 14
933/7905	Somerset	Farleigh Further Education College (Frome)	Priory Education Services Limited	Sept 14
866/7904	Swindon	Farleigh Further Education College Swindon	Priory Education Services Limited	Sept 14
933/7906	Somerset	Foxes Academy	Foxes Academy Limited	Sept 14
373/7904	Sheffield	Freeman College	Ruskin Mill Trust Limited	Sept 14
332/7904	Dudley	Glasshouse	Ruskin Mill Trust Limited	Sept 14
393/7008	South Tyneside	Groundwork South Tyneside and Newcastle	Groundwork South Tyneside and Newcastle Upon Tyne	Dec 14
815/8223	North Yorkshire	Henshaws College	Henshaws Society for Blind Trustee Limited	Sept 14
855/7904	Leicestershire	Homefield College	Homefield College Limited	Sept 14
n/a	Cheshire West and Chester	iMap Centre	iMap Centre Limited	Aug15
830/7904	Derbyshire	Landmarks	Landmarks	Sept 14
355/7904	Salford	Langdon College	Langdon College	Sept 14
n/a	Devon	Lifeworks College	Lifeworks Charity Limited	April 15
812/7904	North East Lincs	Linkage College	The Linkage Community Trust Limited	Sept 14
933/7907	Somerset	Lufton College	Cambian Whinfell School Limited	Sept 14
305/7904	Bromley	Nash College	Livability	Sept 14

916/7904	Gloucestershire	National Star College	National Star Foundation	Sept 14
885/7904	Worcestershire	New College Worcester	New College Worcester	Sept 14
310/7904	Harrow	Nisai Virtual Academy Ltd	Nisai Virtual Academy Limited	Sept 14
357/7904	Tameside	Works 4 U Support Services	Norman Mackie & Associates Limited	Sept 14
663/7904	Denbighshire	Pengwern College	Cambian Whinfell School Limited	Sept 14
384/7904	Wakefield	Pennine Camphill Community	The Pennine Camphill Community Limited	Sept 14
391/7905	Newcastle Upon Tyne	Percy Hedley College	The Percy Hedley Foundation	Sept 14
878/7905	Devon	Oakwood Court College	Phoenix Learning Care Limited	Sept 14
891/7904	Nottinghamshire	Portland College	Portland College	Sept 14
330/7904	Birmingham	Queen Alexandra College	Queen Alexandra College	Sept 14
936/7905	Surrey	Queen Elizabeth Foundation Brain Injury Centre	Queen Elizabeth's Foundation for Disabled People	Sept 14
861/7904	Stoke-on-Trent	Regent College	Shelton Care Limited	Sept 14
855/7905	Leicestershire	RNIB College Loughborough	Royal National Institution of Blind People	Sept 14
878/7908	Devon	ROC Robert Owen Communities	Robert Owen Communities	Aug 15
356/7900	Stockport	Royal College Manchester	Seashell Trust	Sept 14
916/8223	Gloucestershire	Ruskin Mill College	Ruskin Mill Trust Ltd	Aug 15



874/7904	Peterborough	Sense Speciality College	Sense, The National Deafblind and Rubella Association	Sept 14
919/7904	Hertfordshire	St Elizabeth's College	The Congregation of the Daughters of the Cross of Liege	Sept 14
846/7904	Brighton & Hove	St John's School and College (College)	St John's School & College	Sept 14
916/7906	Gloucestershire	St Martin's Centre	The English Dominican Congregation (Stone) Charitable Fund	Sept 14
861/7905	Stoke-on-Trent	Strathmore College	Strathmore College Limited	Sept 14
835/7904	Hampshire	The Fortune Centre of Riding Therapy	The Fortune Centre of Riding Therapy	Sept 14
845/7904	East Sussex	The Mount Camphill Community Limited 	The Mount Camphill Community Limited	Sept 14
936/7904	Surrey	The Orpheus Centre 	The Orpheus Centre Trust	Sept 14
884/7905	Herefordshire	The Royal National College for the Blind 	The Royal National College for the Blind	Sept 14
835/7907	Dorset	The Sheiling Ringwood College 	The Sheiling Special Education Trust	April 15
840/7905	Sunderland	Thornbeck College	North East Autism Society	Sept 14
850/8225	Hampshire	Treloar College 	Treloar Trust	Sept 14
330/7906	Birmingham	Trinity Specialist College 	Trinity Specialist College Limited	Aug 15
866/7906	Swindon	Uplands Educational Trust Learning Centre 	Uplands Educational Trust	Dec 14

342/7904	St Helens	Wargrave House LEAP College	Wargrave House Limited	Sept 14
878/7907	Devon	WESC Foundation	WESC Foundation	Sept 14
886/7904	Kent	Westgate College	The John Townsend Trust	Sept 14
916/7905	Gloucestershire	William Morris Camphill Community Ltd	William Morris (Camphill) Community Limited	Sept 14
936/7907	Surrey	Young Epilepsy	The National Centre for Young People with Epilepsy	Sept 14

3.

Independent special schools (England and Wales)

DfE registration	Local authority	Institution trading name (1)	Legal name (2)	Approved
830/6016	Derbyshire	Alderwasley Hall School	SENAD Limited	Sept 14
666/6042	Powys	Amberleigh Care	Amberleigh Care Limited	April 15
909/6048	Cumbria	Appletree School	Appletree Treatment Centre Limited	Sept 14
661/6022	Wales	Aran Hall School	Aran Hall School Limited	Sept 14
937/6092	Warwickshire	Arc School Church End	OS Education Limited	Sept 14
937/6011	Warwickshire	Arc School Napton	OS Education Limited	Sept 14
937/6012	Warwickshire	Arc School	OS Education	Sept 14

		Ansley	Limited	
356/6025	Stockport	Ashcroft School	The Together Trust	Sept 14
937/6008	Warwickshire	Avon Park School	Witherslack Group Limited	Dec 14
840/6013	Durham	Aycliffe School	North East Autism Society	Sept 14
305/6082	Bromley	Baston House School	Moorcroft Manor Limited	Aug 15
888/6057	Lancashire	Beacon Reach	Beacon Reach	Sept 14
811/6012	East Riding of Yorkshire	Beverley School	Cambian Childcare Limited	Dec 14
352/6045	Manchester	Birch House School 	Cambian Childcare Limited	Dec 14
830/6009	Derbyshire	Bladon House School 	SENAD Limited	Sept 14
333/6004	Sandwell	Bloomfield School 	Horizon Care and Education Group Limited	Aug 15
886/6070	Kent	Brewood School 	Horizon Care and Education Group Limited	Aug 15
889/6013	Blackburn with Darwen	Brambles East School 	Beechkeys Limited	Dec 14
884/6010	Herefordshire	Cambian Hereford School 	Cambian Childcare Limited	April 15
885/6021	Worcestershire	Cambian New Elizabethan School 	Cambian Whinfell School Limited	April 15
815/6041	North Yorkshire	Cedar House School 	Witherslack Group Limited	Dec 14
212/6408	Wandsworth	Centre Academy London 	Centre Academy London Limited	Aug 15

878/6062	Devon	Chelfham Kilworthy House	Priory Education Services Limited	Dec 14
351/6002	Bury	Chesham House School	Cambian Childcare Limited	April 15
931/6125	Oxfordshire	Chilworth House School	Witherslack Group Limited	Dec 14
931/6000	Oxfordshire	Chilworth House Upper School	Witherslack Group Limited	Dec 14
343/6131	Sefton	Clarence High School	Nugent Care	Aug 15
850/6090	Hampshire	Clay Hill	Priory Education Services Ltd	Sept 14
850/6017	Hampshire	Coxlease School	Priory Education Services Limited	Sept 14
681/6087	Wales	Craig y Parc School	Scope	Sept 14
888/6022	Lancashire	Crookhey Hall School	Crookhey Hall Limited	Aug 15
888/6104	Lancashire	Cumberland School	Witherslack Group Limited	Dec 14
813/6005	North Lincolnshire	Demeter House School	Demeter House Limited	April 15
878/6053	Devon	Devon Progressive School	New Horizon Centre LTD	Dec 14
878/6213	Devon	Devon School	Cambian Childcare Limited	Dec 14
881/6032	Essex	Doucecroft School	Autism Anglia	Dec 14
860/6026	Staffordshire	Draycott Moor College	Horizon Care and Education Group	Aug 15
315/6081	Merton	Eagle House School Mitcham	Eagle House (Mitcham) Limited	Sept 14

319/6074	Sutton	Eagle House School Sutton	Eagle House (Mitcham) Limited	Sept 14
353/6019	Oldham	Elland House School	Timeout Children's Homes Limited	April 15
881/6059	Essex	Essex School	Cambian Childcare Limited	Dec 14
315/6005	Merton	FACE Youth Therapeutic School	Face Youth Limited	Aug 15
938/6217	West Sussex	Farney Close School Limited	Farney Close School Limited	Sept 14
909/6051	Cumbria	Fell House School	Appletree Treatment Centre Limited	Sept 14
886/6126	Kent	Ferndearle Child Care Services	Ferndearle Child Care Services Limited	April 15
371/6011	Doncaster	Fullerton House School	The Helsey Group Limited	April 15
202/6401	Camden	Gloucester House - The Tavistock Children's Day Unit	The Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust	April 15
850/6058	Hampshire	Grateley House School	Cambian Asperger Syndrome Services Limited	Sept 14
354/6035	Rochdale	Great Howarth School	Horizon Care and Education Group Limited	Aug 15
805/6002	Hartlepool	Hartlepool School	Cambian Childcare Limited	Dec 14
888/6060	Kent	Heath Farm School	Heath Farm Family Services Limited	Aug 15
893/6106	Shropshire	Higford School	New Options 3) Limited	Dec 14

830/6003	Derbyshire	High Grange School	Rushcliffe Specialists Schools (Mikleover) Ltd	Dec 14
850/6031	Hampshire	Hill House School	Cambian Autism Services Limited	Sept 14
312/6063	Hillingdon	Hillingdon Manor School	Moorcroft Manor Limited	Aug 15
860/6040	Staffordshire	Hopedale School	Hopedale Children and Family Services Limited	Sept 14
810/6004	Kingston Upon Hull	Horton House School	Horton Establishments Limited	Aug 15
896/6028	Cheshire West & Chester	iMap Centre	iMap Centre Limited	April 15
825/6035	Buckinghamshire	Include Buckinghamshire	Include	Aug 15
307/6339	Ealing	Insights Independent School & Skills Academy	Insights ESC Limited	Dec 14
936/6579	Surrey	Jigsaw Trust	The Jigsaw Trust	Dec 14
309/6002	Haringey	Kestrel House School	Kestral House London Limited	Aug 15
888/6041	Lancashire	Keyes Barn School	Beechkey's Limited	Dec 14
306/6089	Croydon	Kingsdown Secondary School	Kingsdown Secondary School [Mcrae Residential Care Services Limited]	Sept 14
925/6034	Lincolnshire	Kisimul School	Kisimul Group Limited	Dec 14
341/6082	Liverpool	Lakeside School	Witherslack Group Limited	Dec 14

855/6020	Leicestershire	Lewis Charlton Learning Centre	Lewis Charlton Limited	Dec 14
938/6267	West Sussex	LVS Hassocks	The Licensed Trade Charity	Sept 14
931/6015	Oxfordshire	LVS Oxford	The Licensed Trade Charity	Dec 14
825/6011	Bucks	MacIntyre School	MacIntyre Care	Sept 14
860/6022	Staffordshire	Maple Hayes Hall School	April 15	
933/6089	Somerset	Marchant-Holliday School Limited	Marchant-Holliday School Limited	Sept 14
933/6185	Somerset	Mark College	Priory Education Services Limited	Sept 14
873/6008	Cambridgeshire	Meldreth Manor School	Scope	Sept 14
803/6009	South Gloucs	NAS Anderson School	The National Autistic Society	Sept 14
933/6195	Somerset	Newbury Manor School	Priory Education Services Limited	Sept 14
928/6067	Northamptonshire	Northampton School	Cambian Childcare Limited	Dec 14
933/6200	Somerset	North Hill House School	Priory Education Services Limited	Sept 14
885/6040	Worcestershire	Norton College	Crucible Education Limited	Dec 14
342/6004	St Helens	Nugent House School	Nugent Care	Aug 15
888/6037	Lancashire	Oakfield House School	Crookhey Hall Limited	Aug 15
208/6001	Lambeth	Octavia House Schools	Octavia House Schools Limited	Sept 14

888/6094	Lancashire	Oliver House School	Priory New Education Services Limited	Sept 14
343/6134	Sefton	Olsen House School	Olsen House Limited	Sept 14
935/6083	Suffolk	On Track Education Centre Mildenhall	On Track Education Services Limited	Dec 14
928/6073	Northamptonshire	On Track Education Centre Northampton	On Track Education Services Limited	Dec 14
878/6060	Devon	On Track Education Centre Totnes	On Track Education Services Limited	Dec 14
873/6041	Cambridgeshire	On Track Education Centre Wisbech	On Track Education Services Limited	Dec 14
885/6039	Worcestershire	Our Place Schools Limited	Our Place Schools Limited	Dec 14
894/6003	Telford and Wrekin	Overley Hall School	Overley Hall School Limited	Dec 14
909/6027	Cumbria	Oversands School	Witherslack Group Limited	Dec 14
845/6007	East Sussex	Owlswick School and Home	Mayne Enterprises Limited	Dec 14
936/6590	Surrey	Papillon House School	Papillon House School Limited	Sept 14
830/6024	Derbyshire	Pegasus School	SENAD Limited	Dec 14
888/6050	Lancashire	Pontville School	Witherslack Group Limited	Dec 14
869/6014	West Berkshire	Prior's Court School	Prior's Court Foundation	Sept 14
841/6006	Darlington	Priory Hurnworth House School	Priory Education Services Limited	Sept 14
679/6014	Wales	Priory Talocher	Priory Education	Sept 14

		School	Services Limited	
835/6016	Dorset	Purbeck View School	Cambian Autism Services Limited	Sept 14
884/6011	Herefordshire	Queenswood School	Priory Education Services Limited	Sept 14
919/6215	Hertfordshire	Radlett Lodge School	The National Autistic Society	Sept 14
212/6405	Wandsworth	Rainbow School	Beyond Autism	Sept 14
888/6032	Lancashire	Red Rose School	The Lancashire Centre for SP.L.D (Dystexia) Limited	Dec 14
381/6015	Calderdale	Riverbank Primary School	Timeout Children's Homes Limited	April 15
888/6020	Lancashire	Rossendale School Limited	Priory Education Services Limited	Sept 14
884/6006	Herefordshire	Rowden House School Ltd	Rowden House School Limited	Sept 14
860/6024	Staffordshire	Rugeley School	Priory Education Services Limited	Sept 14
815/6036	North Yorkshire	Scarborough School	Cambian Childcare Limited	Dec 14
926/6133	Norfolk	Sheridan House School	Priory Education Services Limited	Sept 14
803/6000	South Gloucs	Sheiling School Thornbury	Camphill Communities Thornbury Limited	Sept 14
855/6026	Leicestershire	Sketchley School and Forest House	Priory Education Services Limited	Sept 14
207/6408	Kensington & Chelsea	Snowflake School	Snowflake School for Children with Autism Limited	April 15
933/6203	Somerset	Somerset	New Horizon Centre	Dec 14

		Progressive School	Limited	
933/6211	Somerset	Somerset School	Cambian Childcare Limited	Dec 14
850/6030	Hampshire	Southlands School	Cambian Asperger Syndrome Services Limited	Sept 14
916/6004	Gloucestershire	Southwick Park School	Cambian Autism Services Limited	Dec 14
908/6095	Cornwall	Spectrum Three Bridges	Devon and Cornwall Autistic Community	Aug 15
845/6054	East Sussex	Step by Step: A School for Austic Children Ltd	Step by Step: A School for Austic Children Ltd	Aug 15
936/6584	Surrey	Stepping Stones School Hindhead	Stepping Stones School Hindhead	Sept 14
885/6024	Worcestershire	Sunfield Children's Homes Limited	Sunfield Children's Homes Limited	Sept 14
330/6115	Birmingham	St Paul's Community	St Pauls Community Development Trust	April 15
888/6111	Lancashire	The Brambles School	Beechkey's Limited	Dec 14
893/6107	Shropshire	The Evolution Centre	Reflexion Care Group limited	Dec 14
835/6033	Dorset	The Forum School	Cambian Autism Services Limited	Sept 14
855/6010	Leicestershire	The Grange Therapeutic School	Knossington Grange School Limited	Aug 15
886/6046	Kent	The Helen Allison School	The National Autistic Society	Sept 14
334/6010	Solihull	The Island Project	The Island project	Dec 14

830/6033	Derbyshire	The Linnet Independent Learning Centre	Lewis Charlton Limited	Dec 14
846/6043	Brighton and Hove	The Lioncare School	Seafields Limited	Dec 14
309/6070	Haringey	The London School for Children With Cerebral Palsy	The Peter Rigby Trust	Dec 14
850/6005	Hampshire	The Loddon School	The Loddon School Company	Sept 14
886/6079	Kent	The New School at West Heath	West Heath 2000	Sept 14
359/6000	Wigan	The Parkers School	Inspire Training and Education Services	Dec 14
212/6041	Wandsworth	The Priory Lodge School	Priory Education Services Limited	Sept 14
886/6108	Kent	The Quest School for Autistic Children	The Quest School for Autistic Children	Dec 14
370/6004	Barnsley	The Robert Ogden School	The National Autistic Society	Sept 14
835/6004	Dorset	The Sheiling Ringwood School	The Sheiling Special Education Trust	April 15
307/6064	Ealing	The Sybil Elgar School	The National Autistic Society	Sept 14
394/6015	Sunderland	Thornhill Park School	North East Autism Society	April 15
305/6080	Bromley	The Tutorial Foundation	J K Education Limited	April 15
359/6009	Wigan	Tyldesley School	Cambian Childcare Limited	Dec 14
909/6044	Cumbria	Underley Garden	Underley Schools	Aug 15

		School	Limited	
936/6592	Surrey	Unsted Park School	Priory Education Services Limited	Sept 14
330/6101	Birmingham	Values Academy (Birmingham)	Values Academy	April 15
937/6000	Warwickshire	Values Academy (Nuneaton)	Values Adademy	April 15
878/6007	Devon	Vranch House	Devon & Exeter Spastics Society	Dec 14
888/6048	Lancashire	Westmorland School	Witherslack Group Limited	Dec 14
909/6054	Cumbria	Whinfell School	Cambian Whinfell School Limited	Sept 14
371/6005	Doncaster	Wilsic Hall School	The Helsey Group Limited	April 15
909/6053	Cumbria	Wings School (Cumbria)	Wings Education Limited	Sept 14
873/6033	Cambridgeshire	Wisbech School & Vocational Centre	Cambian Childcare Limited	Dec 14
857/6005	Rutland	Wilds Lodge School	W L Property Limited	Dec 14
881/6031	Essex	Woodcroft School	Woodcroft School Limited	Dec 14
936/6593	Surrey	Woodstock House	Kisimul Group Limited	Dec 14
893/6025	Shropshire	Young Options	Young Options College Limited	Dec 14
861/6004	Stoke-on-Trent	Young Options Pathway College Stoke	Young Options College Limited	Dec 14

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- (2) Legal name: the name registered with Companies House and/or the Charity Commission.

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